position to assure us that action will be taken on this report before the present economic crisis is over ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— This survey has never been intended to meet any economic crisis. This survey has nothing to do with the present economic depression.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar :— Why was it started?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— To know the economic condition of the State.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :—Was it started to employ anybody in particular or to provide for somebody ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— To provide everybody in the State.

Adjournment Motion : regarding the appointment of a Prosecuting Officer for the Padiyur Murder Case.

President:— Notice of an adjournment motion has been received from Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan :

"Under rule 18 of the Council rules, I have the honour to request for leave for the adjournment of the business of the council for the purpose of discussing an urgent matter of public importance, to wit, the extreme indifference shown by the Government in not appointing an officer to prosecute the Padiyur Murder Case which necessitated the adjournment of the case by the Special Session Judge on 4th Vrischigam 1110."

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan :— Mr. President, Sir, I understand that this case is a very sensational murder case, which is very old and I also understand that this case, for certain reasons, had to be transferred from one jurisdiction to another. The work of the permanent Sessions Judge of Anjikaimal division is so heavy that the Government thought it desirable and necessary to have an additional Sessions Judge and therefore empowered the additional District Judge of this division to try this particular case. I also understand that the case was posted by this Special Judge for trial on the 4th of this month. I further understand that for the sole reason of not having an officer to prosecute the case, the case had to be adjourned with enormous inconvenience to more than a hundred persons who figured as prosecution witnesses and at very great cost to the Government. In my view the matter appears to be one of supreme indifference on the part of the Government in not having appointed a Public Prosecutor to go on with this important murder case which had

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a protracted career. The action of the Government in not appointing a Prosecutor is likely to prolong the case much further. Therefore, it is quite clear that all the conditions laid down by rule 18 are satisfied and therefore the adjournment motion is quite in order.

Mr. George Chakyamuri:— Sir, I rise to a point of order. Under rule 19 more than one adjournment motion cannot be moved at the same sitting. A motion has already been made yesterday.

Mr. C. J. Mathew:— In this rule "sitting" means the sitting of the council from 11-30 a. m. to 5 p. m.

President:— The urgent matter of public importance so far as this resolution goes is the extreme indifference shown by the Government in not appointing an officer to prosecute the Padiyur Murder Case and from what has been said by way of explanation by the Hon'ble the mover of the adjournment motion I do not find one point urged to show that there was indifference, much less extreme indifference, on the part of the Government to appoint a Public Prosecutor. For one thing I do not know whether the case is sensational or not, but whether this is an old one or not, I understand that the case was transferred to the District Court of Anjikaimal only very very recently. Anyhow the first posting was on the 4th Vrischigam. Now it may be for several reasons or for some other cause the appointment of a Public Prosecutor was not made within the 4th of this month. I am not of opinion that there has been any indifference on the part of the Government so far as the appointment is concerned and therefore I rule that the motion is not in order.

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Supplementary Grants.

1. 2—A—Agricultural—Marketing Scheme— Rs. 3,116.

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 3,116 under 2a. Agriculture—Marketing Scheme. This is to provide for a small staff of Marketing Officers who will co-operate with the Central Marketing Board recently appointed by the Government of India. Of course the intention of the scheme is very well-known to the House and I do not think I should expatiate on that point. I request the House may be pleased to grant this supplementary grant.